

## Sydney North Rugby Referees Incorporated (SNRR) Special General Meeting

held at St Ives Rugby Club on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 commencing at 7.20pm

**Attendees:** Tim Monckton (Chair), Phil Greenwood, Jason Gay, Tony Fisher, Stephen Jackson, Colin Mackenzie, Andrew Deane, Andrew Marren, Evan Webster, Gregory Burton, Ian Eastman, Jim Rist and Terry Wooldridge

**Apologies:** Rob McKay, Lewis Nottidge and David Reeve

1. Tim Monckton opened the Special General Meeting and the apologies were noted.

Tim invited Tony Fisher to present the proposed Sydney North Rugby Referees Incorporated Constitution for adoption by the members to replace the current Constitution.

2. Tony Fisher advised the meeting that the proposed Constitution is based on the proforma available on the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation website.

The significant changes adopted in the proposed Constitution include:

- Defining the members as being either:
  - Life Members;
  - Individual Members;
  - Junior Members; or
  - Associate Members
- The requirement for Life Membership is now defined by Regulation and not in the Constitution.
- The parent / guardian of a Junior Member is now entitled to vote on behalf of Junior Members at General Meetings where previously a member had to be 16 years or older to vote at General Meetings.
- We have encouraged Assistant Referees and Referee Coordinators of Schools and Clubs to join SNRR. As a result, we have included these people in a new category of non-financial membership called Associate Members.
- The only position of the Board that is defined in the proposed Constitution is the Chair. Each year the Board decides on the roles and responsibilities (portfolios) of the Directors to be elected at the following Annual General Meeting. In addition, there is flexibility in the number of Directors that can be elected each year and the Board is permitted to appoint Directors. The current Constitution is not fit for purpose for the way the Committee / Board wishes to conduct its operations going forward as it is very prescriptive regarding the number and roles of the Committee members.
- The Chair is not entitled to a casting vote at either Board Meetings or General Meetings.
- Proxy voting is allowed at General Meetings.

Greg Burton also noted that the maximum term of an elected Director is eight (8) years and that the number of appointed Directors has to be one less than the elected Directors.

The members present discussed each of the above issues.

The option of proxy voting at General Meetings was discussed at length. The meeting agreed that the proposed Constitution should allow proxy voting at General Meetings.

3. Following the extensive discussion of the proposed Constitution the Chair, Tim Monckton, called a vote, by a show of hands, to adopt the proposed Constitution to replace the current Constitution.

Thirteen voted in the affirmative for the adoption of the proposed Constitution, and Nil voted against the adoption of the proposed Constitution.

It was Resolved that the proposed Constitution be adopted by SNRR to replace the current SNRR Constitution.

4. It was noted that the new Constitution does not come into force until it is registered by the NSW Department of Fair Trading.
5. Phil Greenwood and Tony Fisher were requested to register the new Constitution with the NSW Department of Fair Trading at their earliest convenience.
6. It was noted that the **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at St Ives Rugby Club commencing at 7:00 pm.

The Meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm

To Be Approved at 2024 AGM